sounds and other waters and streams of the State as do not, in the judgment of the State Fisheries Commission, require to be stocked or replenished.

SEC. 16. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Repealing clause. act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 17. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 2nd day of March, A. D. 1927.

## CHAPTER 61

AN ACT TO PREVENT MALICIOUS OR WILFUL INJURY TO PERSONAL PROPERTY AND TO PREVENT CHEAT-ING OR DEFRAUDING THE OWNER THEREOF.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

SECTION 1. Any person who shall rent or hire from any person, firm or corporation, any horse, mule or like animal, or any buggy, wagon, truck, automobile, or other like vehicle, for temporary use, who shall maliciously or wilfully injure or damage the same by in any way using or driving the same in violation of any statute of the State of North Carolina, or who shall permit any other person so to do, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to punishment as hereinafter pro- Misdemeanor. vided.

Malicious injury and hired property defined.

Sub-letting of hired property.

Misdemeanor.

Failure to return hired property.

Hiring with intent to defraud.

False statements

SEC. 2. Any person who shall rent or hire, for temporary use, any horse, mule, or other like animal, or any buggy, wagon, truck, automobile, or other like vehicle, who shall, without the permission of the person, firm or corporation from whom such property is rented or hired, sub-let or rent the same to any other person, firm or corporation, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 3. Any person who shall rent or hire, for temporary use, any horse, mule or other like animal, or any buggy, wagon, truck, automobile, or other vehicle, and who shall wilfully fail to return the same to the possession of the person, firm or corporation from whom such property has been rented or hired at the expiration of the time for which such property has been rented or hired, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished Misdemeanor. as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 4. Any person who shall, with intent to cheat and defraud the owner thereof of the rental price therefor, hire or rent for temporary use any horse or mule or any other like animal, or any buggy, wagon, truck, automobile or other like vehicle, or who shall obtain the possession of the same by false and fraudulent statements made with intent to deceive, in hiring,